

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A portable tendering station includes a movable housing, a removable terminal attached to the housing for acquiring transaction information, and at least one peripheral device attached to the housing and coupled to the terminal for conveying the transaction information and related information to or from a user. Preferably, the terminal includes a display and a device for communicating the information over a wireless communication network, and at least one
5 activation key for activating one or more user functions. The portable tendering station can be easily deployed to various locations within a shopping facility, warehouse, manufacturing facility or the like, and is especially useful for accommodating customers and minimizing delays during peak activity periods.